

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Donovan at 9:30 am on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Terry Bruce – Excused

Senator Tom Holland – Excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department

Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department

Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Judy Seitz, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Senator Donovan introduced a very, very distinguished guest, President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Richard Cram. He said that he gave speeches in Kansas in December 1859 in Elwood, Leavenworth, Atchison and Doniphan counties. President Lincoln said that a lot of tax policy was passed during his administration.

Hearing on: SB380 — Taxation of motor vehicles and exemption for vehicles of military personnel.

Chairperson Donovan opened the hearing on **SB380**. There were no conferees eligible to provide testimony on the bill. He then closed the hearing on **SB380**.

Possible bill introductions

Senator Lynn requested the introduction of a bill regarding the creation of a language assessment program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. *There being no objection from any member present, the Chair declared a motion to introduce the bill adopted by consensus.*

Senator Hensley requested the introduction of a different version of the tax lid bill. He said the House has a version of this bill in **HB2609**. *There being no objection from any member present, the Chair declared a motion to introduce the bill adopted by consensus.*

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Assessment and Taxation at 9:30 am on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairperson Donovan asked staff to review **SB353 - Allowing exemption of certain federal property without an order of the board of tax appeals** and **SB359 - Concerning property taxation; relating to county appraisers, market study analysis, persons eligible to be appointed to office of appraiser.**

*Senator Petersen made a motion to pass **SB353** out favorably and place on the Consent Calendar. Senator Abrams seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Senator Tyson offered a motion to adopt the following amendment to **SB359**: on page 2, line 12 strike "Annually, at least five business days" and replace with "Annually, at least 10 business days", in line 14 strike the word "annually" and in line 15 strike "or on the official county website". ([Attachment 1](#)) Senator Abrams seconded the motion to adopt the proposed amendments.*

There was discussion but no vote on the motion. Roger Ham, Deputy Director, Property Valuation, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), responded to questions from Committee members regarding adding language which would give an option to publish the change in valuation on the official county website.

Senator Abrams made a substitute motion to change the amendment by striking through the word "annually" on page 2, line 15; strike through the word "or" on line 15 and inserting the word "and" and inserting "if the county maintains a county website" on line 16. Motion seconded by Senator Tyson. The motion carried.

*Senator Abrams moved to pass **SB359** out favorably as amended. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.